

**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL
REUNION
OF THE
MARINE CORPS ENGINEER
ASSOCIATION**



**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
13-15 OCTOBER, 2009**



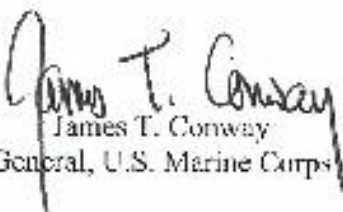
A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

On behalf of all Marines, I extend heartfelt greetings to the members of the Marine Corps Engineer Association on the occasion of your 17th Annual Reunion. As we forge ahead in the Global War on Terrorism and continue to face dramatic changes around the globe, our Corps and our country remain reliant on the vital support provided by our engineers, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technicians, and U.S. Navy Seabees. The Marine Corps' legendary success is a testament not only to the dedication and esprit of all who fill our ranks, but also to the skill, intelligence, and foresight of its engineers who lay the foundations for victory.

For more than a century, our Engineers have helped shape the legacy of our Corps and enrich our history through exploits in every clime and place. From the ice-capped arctic regions to steaming jungles and scorching deserts, Marine Corps engineers, EOD Technicians, and Seabees have answered our Nation's call with courage and devotion to duty—clearing obstacles on the beach; emplacing or breaching mines, and neutralizing Improvised Explosive Devices; building bridges, protective positions, expeditionary airfields, and cantonments; and providing water, fuel, and surveying support.

Reunions like this one offer you an opportunity to enjoy camaraderie, pay tribute to those brave warriors who are no longer with us, and reflect on the remarkable history of our Corps and our Engineers. When the Infantry yelled, "Engineers up!" you proudly answered the call, and Marines everywhere are sincerely grateful for your service and sacrifice. As you celebrate your reunion this year, I want to congratulate all of those receiving awards in the individual Marine Corps Engineer and EOD Fields as well as the Marine Corps and Naval Construction Force organizations. I know the competition was tough and these honors are well-deserved. Best wishes to all MCEA members for a very memorable and enjoyable reunion!

Semper Fidelis,


James T. Conway
General, U.S. Marine Corps



2009 REUNION SCHEDULE

13 OCT, TUES: 1800 - 2100 REGISTRATION & WELCOME ABOARD SOCIAL; MEDIUM HORS D'OEUVRES; BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

14 OCT, WED: 0800-1300 BUSINESS MEETING & BRIEFINGS;
COFFEE/JUICE/ROLLS/FRUIT; BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

1300 - 1800 OPEN TIME

1800 – GUEST OF HONOR & AWARD RECIPIENTS=PHOTOS-SVC A

1800 – COCKTAIL HOUR, SVC A UNIFORM; COAT & TIE WITH MINI MEDALS; MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MARINES ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MESS DRESS OR FORMAL UNIFORM; EVENING ATTIRE FOR THE LADIES

1900 – BANQUET BUFFET & AWARDS

15 OCT, THURS: OPEN TIME FOR INDIVIDUAL TOURS

Hospitality Suite, Registration/Social, Business meeting and photos are in the Shoal Creek room

Banquet will be held in the Pebble Beach room

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of our Marine Corps Engineer Association, WELCOME TO ONE & ALL!!

For the 17th time, we come together to visit with our fellow Marines, shipmates, families and friends. In addition, we look forward to meeting new people, swapping war stories, sharing our pictures, memories and making new acquaintances.

As we've done since 1998, we recognize the "Best of the Best" Marine Corps Engineers and EOD. We will also recognize the other half of our Marine Corps/Navy team-the "Outstanding Naval Construction Force Unit." We offer our most heartfelt congratulations to all the individual and unit winners. You have our utmost respect for what you have done and continue to do in support of our Beloved Nation. We're extremely proud of each and every one of you.

We offer our genuine appreciation to The Society of American Military Engineers, and their Executive Director, Dr. Bob Wolff for paying the banquet fees for each award recipient and a guest!

We also will pause to remember & recognize our members who are no longer with us and who have been added to our Honor Roll; GOD bless them and their loved ones.

Reunions are a significant part of our Corps' traditions. By maintaining the bonds forged in battle and gathering together to reminisce and to honor those who are no longer with us, we stay true to the ethos we Marines live by.

Hope to see all of you again next October in Quantico, Virginia.

Please enjoy yourselves and if we can do anything to assist you during the reunion, just let your Executive Committee members know; especially me!!!

GOD Bless you all;

**Semper Fidelis,
Ken Frantz
Col USMC (Ret)
President**



Major General James L. Williams **Commanding General, 4th Marine Division**

Major General James Williams' is currently assigned as the Commanding General, 4th Marine Division since April 2007. His previous position was as the Assistant Division Commander, 2nd Marine Division and served during combat operations 2005-2006, at Camp Blue Diamond, Ar-Ramadi, Iraq, and earlier with I Marine Expeditionary Force as the Deputy Commanding General in Fallujah, Iraq. He also serves on the SecDef Reserve Force Policy Board.

Major General Williams was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. His formative years were spent in Reading and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received a B.S degree from Slippery Rock University, PA, in 1975. He reported to Officer Candidate School in January 1976, and received his commission in March 1976. He received Master's degrees from Georgetown University in Government and National Security Affairs in 1981, from Yale University in Hospital Management/Public Health in 1984, and from the U.S. Army War College in International Security Studies in 2000. Currently, he is in the process of working on his Master's Degree in Computer Engineering and Computer Science.

Upon completion of The Basic School, Quantico, VA, in 1976, he did a short tour with the Officer Selection Office in Pittsburgh, PA. He was subsequently assigned in 1976 to the 3rd Marine Division to serve with 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines serving as a Rifle Platoon Leader and the Super Squad Platoon.

Returning from overseas in January 1978, he reported to 2nd Force Troops (now 2nd Marine Logistics Group), as the Assistant Command Inspector. He was then assigned to 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company as a Force Recon Platoon Leader and deployed several times for NATO exercises. During this period he attended reconnaissance training schools.

In 1979, he was transferred to Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. He was promoted to Captain in 1980. During this tour he served as Ceremonial Platoon Leader; White House Presidential Military Social Aide to Presidents Carter and Reagan; coach of the Barracks boxing team; Head,

The Basic School Correspondence Course, Marine Corps Institute; and attended graduate school at Georgetown University from 1979 to 1981. He completed the Amphibious Warfare Non-Resident Course in 1980.

In 1981, he was assigned to the Reserve component of the Marine Corps and was assigned to duty with the 14th Marines where he served with 2nd Battalion, 14th Marines, 4th Marine Division as a Forward Observer, Battery Executive Officer, Battery Commanding Officer, and Battalion Logistics Officer. While with the 14th Marines, in 1986, he was the recipient of the Outstanding Junior Marine Corps Reserve Officer Award presented by the Reserve Officers Association. He was promoted to Major in 1987. He also completed graduate school at Yale University during this period.

He was then assigned to the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion in 1988, where he served as the Battalion Operations and Training Officer, Battalion Diving Officer, and Executive Officer. During 1990-1991, the Battalion was called to duty for Operation Desert Shield/Storm. One reconnaissance company was assigned to lead the reconnaissance efforts for both the 1st and 2nd Divisions in their attacks on Iraq. The remainder of the Battalion was assigned to conduct counter-narcotics operations in CONUS and OCONUS. In 1991, he attended the Marine Corps Reserve Command and Staff College Course as a student.

In 1992, he completed school and was assigned to the 4th Marine Division as Assistant Operations Officer. In 1993, he completed the Air Command and Staff College Reserve Component Course. In October 1993, he was assigned as the Assistant G-6. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1994. In 1995, he was assigned as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines. In 1997, the battalion was assigned to the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division for Kernal Blitz '97. He was selected in 1997, to attend the U.S. Army War College Distant Education Program. He was promoted to Colonel in 1998.

He was then selected and assigned to be the Deputy Commander, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Augmentation Command Element (I MACE) in 2000. In 2000, he graduated from the U.S. Army War College. In 2002, while in this assignment he was assigned as the Deputy Director, Operations CJTF-180, conducting combat operations in Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom. He was selected for promotion to Brigadier General 2003.

From 2003-2005 he served as the Commander, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force Augmentation Command Element (I MACE), during this period he served as the Acting Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton.

2009 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Combat Engineer Field

Officer	Capt Colter Bahlau	2 nd CEB, Camp Lejeune, NC
Staff NCO	SSgt Miguel Cira	1 st CEB, Camp Pendleton, CA
NCO	Sgt David Lang	3 rd CEB, 29 Palms, CA
Marine	Cpl Richard Lowery	2 nd CEB, Camp Lejeune, NC

Engineer Equipment Field

Officer	CWO 2 David Clerk	8 th ESB, Camp Lejeune, NC
Staff NCO	GySgt Clifford Williford	7 th ESB, Camp Pendleton, CA
NCO	Sgt Matthew Filtz	1 st CEB, Camp Pendleton, CA
Marine	Cpl Scott Comment	9 th ESB, Okinawa, Japan

Utilities Field

Officer	CWO 5 Kenneth Schwartz	9 th ESB, Okinawa, Japan
Staff NCO	SSgt Harold McLean	8 th ESB, Camp Lejeune, NC
NCO	Sgt Ruben Castellano	1 st CEB, Camp Pendleton, CA
Marine	Cpl Tandy Branham	3 rd CEB, 29 Palms, CA

Bulk Fuel Field

Officer	CWO 3 Bonifacio Cadiz	MWSS 172, Camp Foster, Okinawa
Staff NCO	GySgt Serjio Gonzales	7 th ESB, Camp Pendleton, CA
NCO	Sgt Colter Plumhoff	8 th ESB, Camp Lejeune, NC
Marine	Cpl Christopher Smiley	MWSS 273, Beaufort, SC

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Field

SSgt William Callahan Memorial EOD Tech Award		
	SSgt Stephen Kuester	7 th ESB, Camp Pendleton, CA

UNITS

Combat Engineer Battalion	4 th CEB, Baltimore, MD
Engineer Support Battalion	7 th ESB, Camp Pendleton, CA
Marine Wing Support Squadron, Engineer Company	MWSS 172, Camp Foster, Okinawa
Naval Construction Force Unit	Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three, Port Hueneme, CA

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CAPTAIN COLTER J. BAHLAU
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS COMBAT ENGINEER PLATOON COMMANDER, BATTALION LANDING TEAM 1ST BATTALION, 6TH MARINES, 24TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND COMMANDING OFFICER, COMPANY C, 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION FROM MARCH 2008 TO APRIL 2009. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, CAPTAIN BAHLAU AND HIS PLATOON SUPERBLY EXECUTED MOBILITY, COUNTER MOBILITY AND SURVIVABILITY MISSIONS IN AUSTERE CONDITIONS AND WHILE UNDER ENEMY OBSERVATION AND FIRE. ON 14 MAY 2008, HE LED A JOINT ENGINEER TASK FORCE TO INSTALL A BRIDGE AND-REESTABLISH A SUPPLY ROUTE TO A COMPANY IN PURSUIT OF ENEMY FORCES. HIS BOLD ACTION ALLOWED THE BATTALION LANDING TEAM TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM AND BREACH THE ENEMY DEFENSIVE BELT. HIS EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN TRAINING AND DEPLOYING IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. CAPTAIN BAHLAU'S LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE UNDER FIRE REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

**COMBAT ENGINEER STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT MIGUEL A. CIRA
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS PLATOON GUIDE, 1ST PLATOON, COMPANY B, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAMS 5 AND 8, I AND II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FWD) FROM APRIL 2008 TO MARCH 2009 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. AFTER CONTRIBUTING TO A RIGOROUS PRE-DEPLOYMENT WORKUP, SSGT CIRA DEPLOYED WITH THE PLATOON'S ADVANCED PARTY AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN CONDUCTING ENGINEER ASSESSMENT, CONSTRUCTION PLANNING, AND PREPARING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLATOON'S ARRIVAL. HIS HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT WERE INSTRUMENTAL AS THE PLATOON CONDUCTED ITS FIRST COMBAT ENGINEERING OPERATION JUST 4 DAYS AFTER ARRIVING IN IRAQ, SETTING THE STANDARD OF TIMELINESS AND EFFICIENCY WHICH WOULD CARRY THE PLATOON THROUGH THE FAST-PACED DEPLOYMENT. HIS PERFORMANCE DURING THE PLATOON'S FIRST OPERATION LED TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE LOGISTICAL COORDINATION ELEMENT BETWEEN THE PLATOON AND THE TASK FORCE STAFF. REGULARLY SEPARATED FROM THE PLATOON BY HUNDREDS OF MILES, SSGT CIRA COORDINATED SUPPORT FOR THE PLATOON AND FACILITATED MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT, OFTEN UNDER STRICT TIMELINES. HIS WORK ETHIC AND PROFICIENCY WERE A DRIVING FORCE IN EACH OF THE PLATOON'S MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INCLUDING MAJOR FORCE PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO 6 COMBAT OUTPOSTS WHICH FACILITATED THE RAPID REALIGNMENT OF FORCES IN AREA OF OPERATIONS WEST TO A POSTURE OF OPERATIONAL OVERWATCH. SSGT CIRA ALSO DEDICATED HIS TIME TO DEVELOPING AND MENTORING HIS MARINES, CONDUCTING REGULAR PT AND MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING WHICH STRENGTHENED THE UNIT'S CAMARADERIE. SSGT CIRA'S ENTHUSIASM, PROFESSIONALISM, AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

COMBAT ENGINEER NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**SERGEANT DAVID J. LANG
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS SQUAD LEADER, COMBAT ENGINEER PLATOON, SECOND BATTALION, SEVENTH MARINES, MARINE CORPS FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND (FORWARD), FROM 27 MARCH, 2008 TO 1 DECEMBER, 2008 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. SERGEANT LANG'S SQUAD SERVED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF COMPANY F IN THE NOW ZAD DISTRICT CENTER OF HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN. HIS SQUAD SUPPORTED OVER 400 COMBAT PATROLS AND SERGEANT LANG PERSONALLY SUPPORTED OVER 50 COMBAT PATROLS AND 9 COMPANY SIZED DELIBERATE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. DURING A COMPANY RAID ON AN ENEMY TRENCH NETWORK ON 15 JUNE, SERGEANT LANG EMPLOYED THE APOBS UNDER INTENSE ENEMY MACHINE GUN, SMALL ARMS AND RPG FIRE TO CLEAR IEDS FOR THE ASSAULT FORCE. DURING A RAID ON A KNOWN ENEMY STRONG POINT ON 23 JUNE, SERGEANT LANG SWEEPED FORWARD OF THE COMPANY, PROVIDING SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH AN AREA HEAVILY LADEN WITH IEDS. WHEN THE ASSAULT ELEMENT BECAME FIXED AS THEY RECEIVED INTENSE FIRE, HE FIRST ENGAGED AND DIRECTED FIRE ONTO THE ENEMY, AND THEN EMPLOYED AN URBAN BREACHING CHARGE TO CREATE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE OUT OF THE KILL ZONE. ON 8 JULY, SERGEANT LANG AGAIN SWEEPED FORWARD OF THE COMPANY, AND ALSO PROVIDED MOBILITY AND COMBAT POWER BY DIRECTING THE ARMORED COMBAT EARTHMOVER (ACE) IN THE DESTRUCTION OF MULTIPLE ENEMY FIGHTERS AND FIGHTING POSITIONS, AND IN THE BREACHING OF NUMEROUS COMPOUND WALLS. SERGEANT LANG ALSO PROVIDED CRITICAL MOBILITY BY ENGINEERING A METHOD TO EMPLOY THE MINE CLEARING LINE CHARGE (MICLIC) FROM THE OPEN FLATBED OF AN MTVR, AS HIS COMPANY LACKED CONVENTIONAL METHODS. SERGEANT LANG'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

CORPORAL RICHARD J. LOWERY
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES WHILE ASSIGNED TO 2D PLATOON, ALPHA COMPANY, 2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, FROM APRIL 2008 THROUGH MARCH 2009, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN WHILE ATTACHED TO 3D BATTALION 8TH MARINES (REINFORCED), SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE - AFGHANISTAN. LANCE CORPORAL LOWERY DEMONSTRATES A SIGNIFICANT KNOWLEDGE OF COMBAT ENGINEERING AND ALWAYS EXERCISES A STRONG WORK ETHIC IN THE COMPLETION OF HIS TASKS. DURING THE COMBAT TOUR, LANCE CORPORAL LOWERY FIRST SUPPORTED OPERATIONS IN DELARAM, WHERE HE ASSISTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO LARGE ENTRY CONTROL POINTS IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING MOBILITY SUPPORT FOR 20 PATROLS. HE THEN PARTICIPATED IN COUNTER IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE OPERATIONS ALONG ROUTE 515 IN FARAH PROVINCE, WHICH ENABLED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND PERSISTENT PRESENCE FOR US FORCES IN THE REGION. WHILE IN NOW ZAD, IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY L AND THE SCOUT SNIPER PLATOON, LANCE CORPORAL LOWERY SWEEPED FOR PRESSURE PLATE IEDS WITH A MINE DETECTOR TO ALLOW FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF MARINE PATROLS. HE CONDUCTED THREE MISSIONS OF THIS NATURE WHEN AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DETONATED; KILLING TWO COMBAT ENGINEER NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITHIN FEET OF HIM. LANCE CORPORAL LOWERY WAS KNOCKED UNCONCIOUS FROM THE BLAST AND SUSTAINED A GRADE III CONCUSSION. AFTER REGAINING CONCIUSNESS HE ASSISTED IN THE RECOVERY OF THE TWO ENGINEERS WHO WERE KILLED. WHILE RECOVERING FROM HIS INJURIES, HE CONTINUED TO BE A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE PLATOON BY TRAINING AND MENTORING OTHER MARINES ON ENEMY AND FRIENDLY TACTICS, TECHNIQUE AND PROCEDURES. LANCE CORPORAL LOWERY'S EXEMPLARY CONDUCT AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THE ENGINEER MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO HIM MARK HIM AS A SUPERB COMBAT ENGINEER AND WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 DAVID CLERK
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES WHILE ASSIGNED TO ENGINEER COMPANY, COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION-6, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP (FORWARD), AND SUPPORT COMPANY, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FROM 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009. DURING THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 CLERK PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN AN EXEMPLARY AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 CLERK'S COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION AND HIS MARINES WAS EVIDENT IN HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. HIS TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL EXPERTISE WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN SUPPORT OF VITAL ENGINEER MISSIONS TO INCLUDE THE REDESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF RUTBAH'S TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT 2. HIS LEADERSHIP AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL WERE CRUCIAL IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CAMP GANNON II, GREATLY ENHANCING THE CAPABILITIES OF ITS TENANTS, ENSURING THEIR OPERATIONS WOULD GO UNINTERRUPTED, AND MOST NOTABLY, FACILITATING REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM 5'S TRANSITION TO OPERATIONAL OVER-WATCH. HIS MANAGEMENT OF GEAR AND EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. HE IS A VALUABLE ASSET TO ANY UNIT. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 CLERK'S INITIATIVE, SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE, UNWAVERING PERSISTENCE, AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT ON HIMSELF AND WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE. .

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

**ENGINEER EQUIPMENT STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER
OF THE YEAR AWARD TO**

**GUNNERY SERGEANT CLIFFORD J. WILLIFORD
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS CHIEF, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION FROM 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009. AS THE MISSION COMMANDER FOR NUMEROUS HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT ASSIGNED FOR VERTICAL PROJECTS, GUNNERY SERGEANT WILLIFORD SUPERVISED AND ASSISTED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THREE HEAVILY USED ROADS AND STAGING AREAS ABOARD NINE COMBAT OUTPOSTS LOCATED WITHIN THE AL ANBAR PROVINCE. UTILIZING ALL AVAILABLE TIME AND RESOURCES, HE ALSO TAUGHT CLASSES TO LICENSE MARINES ON EQUIPMENT THEY WOULD NOT NORMALLY OPERATE, THUS EXPANDING THE BATTALION'S OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES AND ENSURING THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE JUNIOR MARINES ASSIGNED TO HIS CHARGE. UNDER HIS DILIGENT SUPERVISION, THE ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS SECTION COMPLETED OVER 2500 HOURS OF INCIDENT FREE OPERATIONS, EMPLACED 2200 CUBIC YARDS OF GRAVEL ALONG 2000 METERS OF ROADWAY, CLEARED ROADSIDE VEGETATION TO DENY THE ENEMY OPPORTUNITIES TO EMPLACE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, REPAIRED AND IMPROVED MAIN SERVICE ROUTES, AND COMPLETED A MYRIAD OF SMALLER PROJECTS THAT IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND OPERATIONS CAPABILITY OF FORWARD DEPLOYED FORCES THROUGHOUT THE AL ANBAR PROVINCE. GUNNERY SERGEANT WILLIFORD'S LEADERSHIP WAS CRITICAL IN MAINTAINING THE EXTREME WORK OUTPUT OF THE ENGINEER EQUIPMENT PLATOON OFTENTIMES IN EXTREME AND AUSTERE CONDITIONS. HIS EXPERIENCE, PROFESSIONALISM, UNMATCHED WORK ETHIC AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

**ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD
TO**

**SERGEANT MATTHEW A. FILTZ
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, 2ND PLATOON, COMPANY B, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAMS 1 AND 6, I AND II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FWD), FROM APRIL 2008 TO MARCH 2009. SGT FILTZ PLAYED A PARAMOUNT ROLE IN ALL OF HIS PLATOON'S PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING EVOLUTIONS, INCLUDING EXERCISE SUMMER HEAT, EXERCISE MOJAVE VIPER, AND 12 LIVE-FIRE RANGES ABOARD CAMP PENDLETON. SGT FILTZ'S MOTIVATION AND DEDICATION SET THE BAR FOR ALL OF THE COMPANY'S MARINES THROUGHOUT THE WORK-UP AND INTO THE DEPLOYMENT. AS THE SOLE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR TF 1/4, SGT FILTZ WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF EVERY HE OPERATION AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PLATOON'S ENTIRE FLEET OF ENGINEER EQUIPMENT. HE OPERATED EQUIPMENT FOR COUNTLESS HOURS ON OVER 13 FORCE PROTECTION MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE AO. HIS INGENUITY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN QUICKLY AND SAFELY CLEANING UP THE STREETS OF FALLUJAH AND IN RETURNING A SENSE OF NORMALCY BACK TO THE LOCAL POPULATION. SGT FILTZ'S TIRELESS EFFORTS IN WORKING MULTIPLE 18-HOUR DAYS TO IMPROVE THE FORCE PROTECTION POSTURE AT PUMP HOUSE BARNEY DIRECTLY FOILED AN INSURGENT ATTACK NEAR THE POSITION. UTILIZING THE NEWLY FORTIFIED POSITION FOR COVER, OBSERVATION, AND FIRE SUPERIORITY, THE UNIT WAS ABLE TO CLOSE WITH AND DESTROY THE ENEMY. DESPITE A DEMANDING OPERATIONAL TEMPO, SGT FILTZ MAINTAINED A RIGOROUS PME AND PT ROUTINE WHICH MOTIVATED AND ENCOURAGED THE ENTIRE PLATOON. HE UPHOLDS THE STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL FITNESS AND PROFESSIONALISM THAT ALL JUNIOR MARINES SHOULD STRIVE FOR. RECOGNIZING SGT FILTZ'S OUTSTANDING POTENTIAL AS A LEADER OF MARINES, TF 1/4 COMBAT MERITORIOUSLY PROMOTED HIM TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT IN MARCH 2009. HIS MOTIVATION AND DEDICATION TO DUTY ARE TRULY CONTAGIOUS, AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLATOON, TO TF 1/4, AND TO THE ENGINEER COMMUNITY ARE REMARKABLE. SGT FILTZ'S ENTHUSIASM, PROFESSIONALISM, AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CORPORAL SCOTT W. COMMENT
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 3D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM APRIL 2008 TO MARCH 2009 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 08.2. LANCE CORPORAL COMMENT DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR INITIATIVE AND SOUND JUDGMENT IN REINFORCING FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES AND LIVING CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE AL ANBAR PROVINCE OF IRAQ. HE ASSISTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND REFURBISHMENT OF SIX MILITARY TRANSITION TEAMS FACILITIES DURING THE DEPLOYMENT. LANCE CORPORAL COMMENT FLAWLESSLY EXECUTED OVER 394 ACCIDENT FREE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATING HOURS IN SUPPORT OF SEVEN COMBAT MISSIONS. LANCE CORPORAL COMMENT FILLED OVER 2,800 LINEAR FEET OF HESCO BARRIERS FOR USE AS GUARDRAILS ALONG MILITARY BYPASS ROADS, ENTRY/EXIT CONTROL POINTS, FUEL RESUPPLY POINTS AND OVERALL FORCE PROTECTION ON SIX COMBAT OUTPOSTS THROUGHOUT MULTI NATIONAL FORCE-WEST AREA OF OPERATIONS. LANCE CORPORAL COMMENT SKILLFULLY EXCAVATED AND HAULED OVER 3,190 CUBIC YARDS OF EARTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF EARTHEN BERMS, REINFORCING THE ANTI-TERRORISM/FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES. AS THE PRIMARY CRANE OPERATOR FOR TWO MISSIONS, A BILLET TYPICALLY ONLY GIVEN TO SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS, LANCE CORPORAL COMMENT COORDINATED THE OFFLOADING AND PLACEMENT OF SEVEN HYGIENE TRAILERS, THAT DRAMATICALLY ENHANCED THE LIVING CONDITIONS. LANCE CORPORAL COMMENT'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 KENNETH R. SCHWARTZ
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS UTILITIES PLATOON COMMANDER AND NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT LIAISON OFFICER, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 3D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM APRIL 2008 TO MARCH 2009. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SCHWARTZ PERFORMED HIS DEMANDING DUTIES IN AN EXEMPLARY AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER. UNDERSTANDING THE FLUID REQUIREMENT FOR UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, HE DEVELOPED A TRAINING PACKAGE FOR HIS MARINES THAT ENCOMPASSED TOPICS NOT NORMALLY TAUGHT TO MARINE CORPS UTILITIES PERSONNEL, SUCH AS COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL WIRING AND PLUMBING CONSTRUCTION. IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP HIS MARINES' TECHNICAL SKILLS, HE TOOK A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS MARINES' LEADERSHIP SKILLS. HE EMPOWERED HIS NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS BY DESIGNATING THEM AS TEAM LEADERS AND ENTRUSTING THEM WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLETE THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE UTILITIES MISSION. HE PREPARED EACH NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER FOR THIS CHALLENGE BY MENTORING THEM THROUGH THE PLANNING PROCESS AND ENSURING THAT ALL MISSION REQUIREMENTS WERE ANTICIPATED. HIS INFLUENCE WAS FELT THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION AS HE SERVED AS THE LIAISON OFFICER TO 1ST NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT, WHERE HE BRIDGED A CULTURAL GAP BETWEEN SERVICES, ENSURING APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE TASKING OF THE BATTALION FOR COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SCHWARTZ'S CONSTANT LEADERSHIP, PROFESSIONALISM AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

**UTILITIES STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER
OF THE YEAR AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT HAROLD R. MCLEAN
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS THE UTILITIES CHIEF, COMBAT LOGISTICS BATTALION - 2, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FORWARD) FROM 15 AUGUST 2008 TO 5 MARCH 2009, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 08.2. STAFF SERGEANT MCLEAN ACCOMPLISHED ALL UTILITIES MISSIONS AT CAMP KOREAN VILLIAGE AND COMBAT OUTPOSTS RIO LOBO, HADITHA, AKASHAT, AND UYBADI. STAFF SERGEANT MCLEAN QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY BROUGHT TOGETHER AND FORMED A COHESIVE UTILITIES SECTION. AFTER IDENTIFYING SHORTFALLS AND DEFICIENCIES, HE AGGRESIVELY PREPARED HIS MARINES WITH THE TRAINING THEY NEEDED IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH ANY FORESEEABLE UTILITIES MISSION. HE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO CROSS TRAIN SEVERAL BULK FUEL MARINES TO THE TECHINCAL STANDARDS OF THE UTILITIES FIELD. HE ENSURED THAT THE MARINES LEARNED THE MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AS HE TRAINED AND HELD THEM TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS. WITH UNSELFISH DEDICATION TO THE MISSION, HE CONSISTENTLY PRODUCED SUPERIOR RESULTS AND PROVIDED ENHANCED SUPPORT TO SEVERAL DIFFERENT SUPPORTED UNITS. STAFF SERGEANT MCLEAN'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

UTILITIES NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**SERGEANT RUBEN A. CASTELLANO
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS UTILITIES SECTION CHIEF, COMPANY B, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAMS 5 AND 8, I AND II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (FWD), FROM MAY 2008 TO MARCH 2009 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, SGT CASTELLANO EXECUTED HIS DUTIES IN AN EXEMPLARY AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER. RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OVER 185 PIECES OF TACTICAL EQUIPMENT, SGT CASTELLANO'S EXPERIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY RESULTED IN A 95% EQUIPMENT READINESS LEVEL. ADDITIONALLY, HE RESPONDED TO OVER 20 CONTACT CALLS IN WHICH HE WAS ABLE TO REPAIR VARIOUS GENERATORS ABOARD AL ASAD THAT PROVIDED POWER FOR BASE OPERATIONS. HIS GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SAFE EXECUTION AND INSTALLATION OF OVER 8500 FEET OF ELECTRICAL WIRE WHICH PROVIDED POWER TO OVER 48 STRUCTURES ON AL ASAD AND THROUGHOUT AO WEST. SERGEANT CASTELLANO'S SECTION WORKED DILIGENTLY FOR 2 NIGHTS, LAYING WIRE THROUGHOUT THE MEF COC WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED SUSTAINED POWER WHILE THEIR MAIN POWER GRID WAS REPLACED. SGT CASTELLANO ALSO DISPLAYED TACTICAL PROFICIENCY AS HE SERVED AS ASSISTANT CONVOY COMMANDER DURING COMBAT MISSIONS IN RUTBAH AND PROVIDED PERIMETER SECURITY FOR MORE THAN 200 HOURS OF STATIC OPERATIONS. SGT CASTELLANO'S ACTIONS THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD GREATLY ENHANCED THE UNIT'S ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH ITS COMPREHENSIVE MISSION SET. SGT CASTELLANO'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

UTILITIES MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CORPORAL TANDY BRANHAM
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES AS A GENERATOR MECHANIC, COMPANY B, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAMS 5 AND 8, I AND II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FORWARD, FROM JULY 2008 TO APRIL 2009 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. LANCE CORPORAL BRANHAM WAS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING OVER 200 MAINTENANCE HOURS ON OVER 185 UTILITIES ASSETS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO A 95 PERCENT EQUIPMENT READINESS LEVEL. OFTEN WORKING OUTSIDE OF HIS MOS, LANCE CORPORAL BRANHAM CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL INSTALLATION OF OVER 8500 FEET OF ELECTRICAL WIRE THAT PROVIDED POWER TO OVER 48 STRUCTURES ACROSS AO WEST, INCREASING THE ABILITY OF ADJACENT UNITS TO EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSIONS. DURING A 17-DAY OPERATION WITH A REGIMENTAL CONTACT TEAM, LANCE CORPORAL BRANHAM WORKED INDEPENDENTLY FOR OVER 136 HOURS CONDUCTING UTILITIES ASSESSMENTS AND REPAIRS ABOARD SEVERAL OUTLYING COPS IN AO WEST. HIS ABILITY TO TAKE ON A MYRIAD OF RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT HESITATION WAS A LYNCHPIN FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE REGIMENT'S ELECTRICAL MISSIONS. HIS OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS RESULTED IN HIS MERITORIOUS PROMOTION TO CORPORAL AND TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS UTILITIES CHIEF FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DEPLOYMENT. LANCE CORPORAL BRANHAM'S OUTSTANDING MOTIVATION AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

BULK FUEL OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 BONIFACIO T. CADIZ
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS FUELS OFFICER IN CHARGE AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 372, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, U.S. MARINE FORCES PACIFIC FROM 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009. DURING THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CADIZ PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN A HIGHLY EXEMPLARY MANNER. AFTER HIS RETURN FROM OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 06-08.2, HE IMMEDIATELY CONFIGURED AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY FROM A SECURITY UNIT TO AN AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT COMPANY, SUPERVISING AND MONITORING THE TRAINING FOR OVER 200 MARINES DURING THE UNIT'S TRANSITION PERIOD. HE PERSONALLY PLANNED AND SUPERVISED MORE THAN 75 FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINTS AND SUCCESSFULLY ISSUED OVER 4 MILLION GALLONS OF FUEL TO BOTH ROTARY AND FIXED WING ASSETS. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION OF AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT MISSIONS DURING EXERCISE RED FLAG IN ALASKA, WEAPONS TACTICS INSTRUCTOR COURSE 2-09 AND SCORPION FIRE 1-09 IN ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA, MWSS 372 SQUADRON FEX 1-09 AND CERTEX 09-1 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CADIZ ALSO LED A TEAM OF SALVAGE MARINES TO RECOVER A DOWNED CH-46 DURING AN AIRCRAFT RECOVERY EXERCISE IN THE SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS WITH SUPERB EFFICIENCY. HE EXECUTED ALL THESE MISSIONS WITH PRECISION AND PROFESSIONALISM, ALL WHILE CONCURRENTLY HOLDING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BILLET FOR AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MWSS 372. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CADIZ'S SELFLESS DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

**BULK FUEL STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER
OF THE YEAR AWARD TO**

**GUNNERY SERGEANT SERJIO C. GONZALES
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS PLATOON SERGEANT, SECURITY PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, AND 1ST PLATOON COMMANDER, 1ST BULK FUEL COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FROM 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009. WHILE SERVING OUTSIDE OF HIS MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AS SECURITY PLATOON SERGEANT, TO SUPPORT OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 8.1, GUNNERY SERGEANT GONZALES EFFICIENTLY MANAGED AND SUPERVISED THE INTEGRATION OF 71 BULK FUEL MARINES INTO A SECURITY PLATOON, PREPARING THEM FOR THE HARDSHIPS OF A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT. FURTHERMORE, HIS ATTENTION TO DETAIL WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PLANNING OF 79 COMBAT MOUNTED PATROLS, COVERING OVER 16,800 MILES. DISPLAYING HIS VERSATILITY, HE ALSO SERVED AS CONVOY COMMANDER, ASSISTANT CONVOY COMMANDER, AND VEHICLE COMMANDER FOR 19 SECURITY PATROLS IN SUPPORT OF COMBAT OPERATIONS IN AL-ANBAR PROVINCE. AS 1ST PLATOON COMMANDER, HE ASSISTED IN THE COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF A COMPANY LEVEL EXERCISE, WHERE BULK FUEL COMPANY SUCCESSFULLY RECEIVED, TRANSFERRED, AND DISPENSED OVER 157,000 GALLONS OF SIMULATED PETROLEUM PRODUCT WITHIN 48 HOURS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE MAJOR SUB-ASSEMBLIES OF THE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT FUEL SYSTEM. GUNNERY SERGEANT GONZALES' ENTHUSIASM, PROFESSIONALISM, AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

BULK FUEL NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**SERGEANT COLTER D. PLUMHOFF
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTES WHILE ASSIGNED TO BULK FUEL COMPANY, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES ATLANTIC FROM 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009. DURING THIS PERIOD, SERGEANT PLUMHOFF PERFORMED HIS DUTIES IN AN EXEMPLARY AND HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER. HE WAS A KEY MEMBER AND INTEGRAL PART OF THE BULK FUEL DETACHMENT, 24TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT. DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, SERGEANT PLUMHOFF'S TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND HARDENED ENGINEER PROWESS WAS EVIDENT WHILE HE SUCESSFULLY ENSURED THE HIGHEST QUALITY AND PROPER GUARDIANSHIP OF OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF JP-8 AND DIESEL FUEL IN THE AREAS OF FORWARD OPERATING BASES BASTION, DWYER, KHANDAHAR AND ADJACENT FUEL FARMS WITHIN THE DANGEROUS HELMAND PROVINCE, AFGHANISTAN. SERGEANT PLUMHOFF ENSURED THAT ALL COALITION AND AFGHANISTAN NATIONAL ARMY FUEL REQUIREMENTS WERE MET IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL TIMELINES SET FORTH BY HIGHER HEADQUARTERS. SERGEANT PLUMHOFF SPEARHEADED THE SITE SURVEY OF THREE FORWARD OPERATING BASES VIA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND THEN PLANNED THE INTRICATE DESIGN AND LAYOUT FOR THE FUEL POINTS AT FOB BASTION, KHANDAHAR, AND DWYER. FOR HIS ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, SERGEANT PLUMHOFF WAS AWARDED THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL. SERGEANT PLUMHOFF EPITOMIZES THE TRAITS OF THE MODEL NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER. HE IS TRULY A FIRE AND FORGET WEAPON AND HIS PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, INITIATIVE, AND LOYAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

BULK FUEL MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

**CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER J. SMILEY
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS BULK FUEL SPECIALIST, FUELS PLATOON, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 273 FROM APRIL 2008 TO MARCH 2009. LANCE CORPORAL SMILEY'S EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE AND INFECTIOUS ENTHUSIASM WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SAFE DISPENSING OF 83,766 GALLONS OF JP-5 FUEL TO 51 F/A-18 AIRCRAFT. DURING LATE APRIL 2008, HE WAS ASSIGNED AS AN ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER TO SUPPORT FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT OPERATIONS DURING WEAPONS AND TACTICS INSTRUCTORS COURSE 2-08 AT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, ARIZONA. LANCE CORPORAL SMILEY DISPLAYED TREMENDOUS PROFICIENCY BY EXECUTING 20 FARP MISSIONS AND SAFELY REFUELING MORE THAN 120 AIRCRAFT AND DISPENSING OVER 120,000 GALLONS OF FUEL. DURING EXERCISE DESERT TALON 2-08, IN PREPARATION FOR OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, LANCE CORPORAL SMILEY'S ATTENTION TO DETAIL WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESS OF NINE FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINTS ISSUING OVER 11,000 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUEL TO MORE THAN 64 ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT. IN SEPTEMBER 2008, HE DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQ FREEDOM, AND IN NOVEMBER, HE SERVED AS AN ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER ON A FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT TEAM DEPLOYED TO FORWARD OPERATING BASE SAHL SINJAR, IRAQ. LANCE CORPORAL SMILEY'S KEEN KNOWLEDGE PROVED INVALUABLE AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ISSUING 367,908 GALLONS OF FUEL TO 817 AIRCRAFT AT SAHL SINJAR. THROUGHOUT THE SEVEN MONTH DEPLOYMENT, HIS CONTRIBUTIONS WERE KEY AS THE FUELS PLATOON ISSUED 11,807,370 GALLONS OF JP-8 FUEL TO 12,904 AIRCRAFT. LANCE CORPORAL SMILEY'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

**SSGT WILLIAM CALLAHAN MEMORIAL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL
TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD TO**

**STAFF SERGEANT STEPHEN H. KUESTER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL PLATOON SERGEANT AND TEAM LEADER, 3RD PLATOON, 1ST EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, FROM 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009. DURING THIS TIME, STAFF SERGEANT KUESTER PERSONALLY LED A TEAM IN THE COMPLETION OF OVER 100 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL MISSIONS IN A HOSTILE COMBAT ENVIRONMENT, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. AS PLATOON SEREANT, HIS TEAMS CLEARED OVER 200 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, AND DESTROYED TENS OF THOUSANDS ORDNANCE ITEMS, 1,000 WEAPON SYSTEMS, AND OVER 100,000 SMALL ARMS FOUND IN HOMES, SCHOOLS, MOSQUES, AND PLAYGROUNDS. STAFF SERGEANT KUESTER'S EFFORTS DRASTICALLY CRIPPLED THE ABILITY OF ENEMY FORCES TO UTILIZE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, ASSAULT WEAPONS, AND INDIRECT FIRE WEAPONS, WHICH REMOVED A SERIOUS GROUND THREAT TO ALLIED PERSONNEL OPERATING WITHIN THE AREA. MANY OF THESE MISSIONS WERE COMPLETED UNDER ENEMY OBSERVATION, AND DIRECT AND INDIRECT FIRE. STAFF SERGEANT KUESTER REPEATEDLY PLACED HIS LIFE IN DANGER AND HIS EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO HUNDREDS OF EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL MISSIONS SERVED AS A TESTAMENT TO HIS BRAVERY AND UNWAIVERING PERSEVERENCE TO HIS DUTIES AND HIS FELLOW MARINES. STAFF SERGEANT KUESTER'S ENTHUSIASM, PROFFESIONALISM, AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE YEAR TO

4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF COMBAT ENGINEERING FROM 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009; DURING THIS PERIOD, THE MARINES OF 4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION SERVED ALONGSIDE THEIR ACTIVE DUTY COUNTERPARTS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL COMBAT SUPPORT TO MARINE INFANTRY UNITS WHILE DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. MISSIONS CONDUCTED WHILE DEPLOYED COVERED THE FULL SPECTRUM OF COMBAT ENGINEERING SUPPORT INCLUDING INSURGENT WEAPONS CACHE SEARCH AND DESTRUCTION, CORDON AND KNOCK OPERATIONS, AT/FP CONSTRUCTION IN SUPPORT OF REGIMENTAL FORCES, ROUTE SWEEPS, URBAN BREACHING AND IMPROVEMENTS OF MAIN AND ALTERNATE SUPPLY ROUTES. IN ADDITION TO COMBAT DEPLOYMENTS, THE BATTALION ALSO PARTICIPATED IN EXERCISE BEYOND THE HORIZON CENTRAL AMERICA IN HONDURAS, BEYOND THE HORIZON CARRIBEAN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PARTNERSHIP OF AMERICAS IN PERU, AND EXERCISE INVINCIBLE MENACE. THE BATTALION ALSO PREFORMED A CHALLENGING AND AGGRESSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM PREPARING FOR FUTURE COMBAT AND FORWARD ENGAGEMENT MISSIONS WHILE MAINTAINING MATERIAL READINESS ABOVE 95 PERCENT EVERY MONTH. MARINES OF THE BATTALION PERFORMED MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR OVER TWO HUNDRED FALLEN MARINES, PROVIDED IN EXCESS OF ONE HUNDERD COLOR GUARD DETAILS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN EVENTS, COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED TOYS TO OVER ONE HUNDERED THOUSAND NEEDY CHILDREN AND PERFORMED OVER ONE HUNDRED COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS. THE ACTION OF THE BATTALION HAS SUPPORTED MARINE FORCES IN COMBAT, DEMONSTRATED THE NATIONS& RESOLVE IN AREAS OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, BOLSTERED THE MARINE CORPS RECUITING EFFORT, ASSISTED THE FAMILIES OF CURRENTLY SERVING AND FORMER MARINES AND SET A POSITIVE LASTING IMAGE OF THE MARINE CORPS WITHIN ITS LOCAL COMMUNITY. 4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION& ACTIONS HAVE DEMOSTRATED THAT IT IS THE ARCHETYPE OF A DISCIPLINED MARINE BATTALION AND HAS BEEN IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERIVCE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE AND UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND FROM 01 APRIL 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009, RESULTING IN RECOGNITION AS ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION OF THE YEAR FOR 2009. DURING THIS PERIOD, 7TH ENGINEERS PROVIDED CRITICAL GENERAL ENGINEERING EXPERTISE TO OPERATION IRAQI AND ENDURING FREEDOM. DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) 8.1, 8.2, AND 9.1, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED OVER 275 COMBAT MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF MULTI-NATIONAL FORCES . WEST MISSION TO MOVE COALITION FORCES TO OPERATIONAL OVER WATCH OF IRAQI SECURITY FORCES AND TRANSITION OF AL ANBAR PROVINCE TO PROVINCIAL IRAQ CONTROL. ADDITIONALLY, 7TH ENGINEERS SUPPORT TO OIF TRANSITION TEAMS PROVIDED INVALUABLE GUIDANCE AND MENTORSHIP TO THE IRAQI DEPARTMENT OF BORDER ENFORCEMENT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY. DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM 8.2, 7TH ENGINEERS DETACHMENT OF ENGINEERS AND EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIANS ENABLED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR COALITION FORCES IN THE HELMAND PROVINCE BY RENDERING SAFE OVER 100 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND DISPOSING THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE. FURTHERMORE, THEIR EFFORTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CRUCIAL COMBAT OUTPOSTS SECURED MAIN SUPPLY ROUTES THAT PROVIDED CRITICAL SUPPLIES TO SUPPORT COMBAT OPERATIONS FROM TALIBAN ATTACKS. 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALIONS WARTIME EFFORTS, FLEXIBILITY, AND COMMITMENT TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON ITSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

**MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON, ENGINEER COMPANY
OF THE YEAR AWARD TO**

MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGINEERING OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3RD MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2008 TO 26 OCTOBER 2008 AND IN SUPPORT OF MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 17, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 27 OCTOBER 2008 TO 31 MARCH 2009. THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF LANDING SURFACES, THE COMPANY IMPROVED SAFETY OF FLIGHT, SUPPORTED SORTIE GENERATION CAPABILITY, EXTENDED THE OPERATIONAL RANGE OF COALITION FORCES AND INCREASED MEDICAL EVACUATION AND LOGISTICS CAPABILITIES THROUGHOUT THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. MWSS-172 ENGINEERS SUPPORTED QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENTS, MOVEMENT OF U.S. FORCES TO OVERWATCH AND INCREASED FORCE PROTECTION BY CONSTRUCTING NEW BILLETING FOR BOTH U.S. AND IRAQI FORCES AND BY IMPROVING ENTRY CONTROL POINTS. THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REPAIR AND REPLENISHMENT POINTS AND FORWARD OPERATING LOCATIONS, ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY SUPPORTED GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT PURSUIT OF ENEMY INSURGENTS AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE CLOSURE OF FOREIGN FIGHTER INFILTRATION ROUTES. THE COMPANY ADDITIONALLY SUPPORTED DOZENS OF EXPEDITIONARY MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE WEST (MNF-W) BATTLESPACE. IMMEDIATELY UPON REDEPLOYMENT FROM IRAQ, MWSS-172 ENGINEERS RAPIDLY RESET ALL CAPABILITIES AND COMMENCED SUPPORT FOR EXERCISES IN JAPAN AND THAILAND WHILE PLANNING COOPERATIVE SECURITY MISSIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND CAMBODIA. THE POSITIVE GLOBAL IMPACT OF THE MWSS-172 ENGINEER OPERATIONS COMPANY THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES, THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE

OUTSTANDING NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE UNIT OF THE YEAR AWARD TO

NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION THREE

FOR SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING:

OVER THE COURSE OF THEIR 2008 DEPLOYMENT TO THE CENTRAL COMMAND (CENTCOM) AREA OF OPERATIONS (AO) , NMCB THREE PROVIDED MISSION CRITICAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPPORT TO COMBAT OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN DESERT OF IRAQ IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. NMCB THREE OVERCAME EXTREME ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, IMMENSE LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES, AND THE CONSTANT THREAT OF ENEMY ACTION TO COMPLETE MISSIONS INCLUDING FORWARD OPERATING BASE EXPANSIONS, CONTINGENCY BRIDGING, HIGH PROFILE LIFE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, FORCE PROTECTION UPGRADES AND HUNDREDS OF CONVOY SECURITY ESCORT MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF COALITION FORCES. THIS SUPPORT WAS A CRITICAL ENABLER TO I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (I MEF) (FORWARD) STABILIZATION OPERATIONS IN THE AL ANBAR PROVINCE AND PLAYED AN INVALUABLE ROLE IN THE HISTORIC HANDOVER OF THE AL ANBAR PROVINCE BACK TO THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT. BATTALION PERSONNEL DELIVERED UNRIVALED FLEXIBILITY, INGENUITY, AND PERSEVERANCE IN ORDER TO MEET THE CONSTANTLY EVOLVING NEEDS OF I MEF. THE BATTALION'S SUPERB SUPPORT OF MARINE CORPS COMBAT OPERATIONS TRULY EPITOMIZED THE SEABEE "CAN DO" MOTTO. BY THEIR DISTINCTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION, AND UNFAILING DEVOTION TO DUTY, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION THREE REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

OUR MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GENUINE APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING CORPORATE MEMBERS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF OUR ENGINEER BROTHERHOOD.

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MCEA WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO TROY PIPPIN AND ROBIN BEARDEN OF WORKGROUP IN MURFREESBORO, TN FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION OF A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE GOLF SHIRTS BEING PRESENTED TO THE AWARD WINNERS.

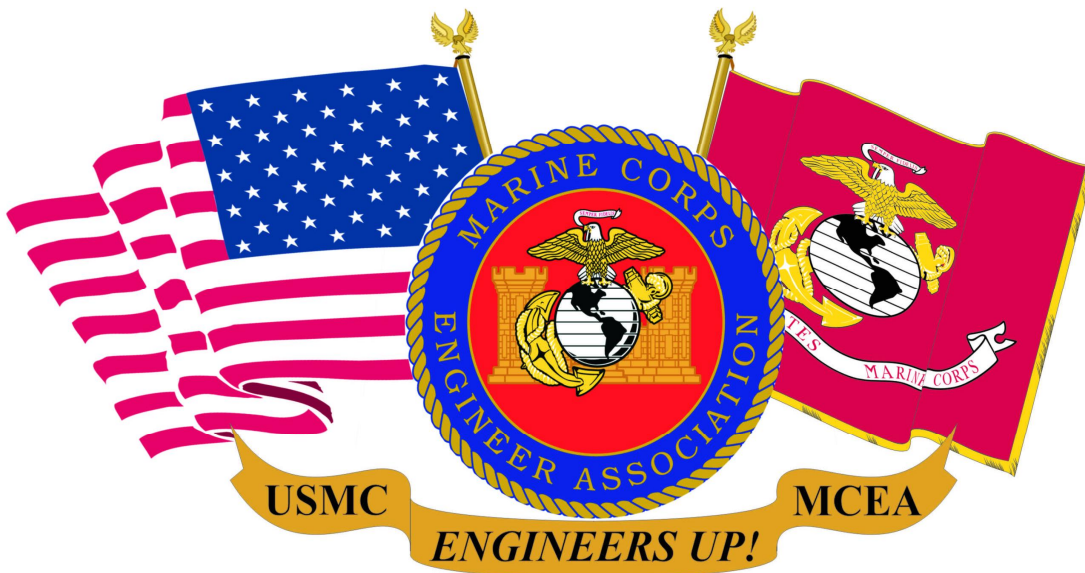
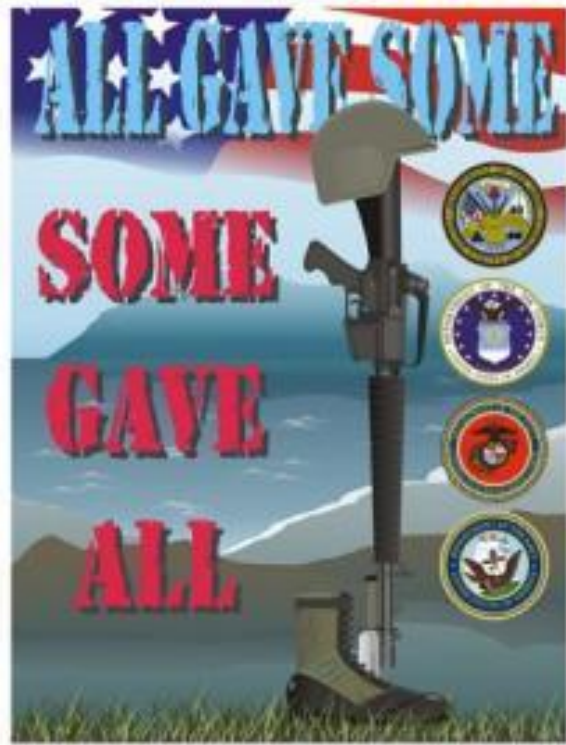
Gunny's Wise Words

By T.G. Hill, GySgt USMC, (Ret)

- 1. Wait until you have stood on the yellow foot prints.**
- 2. Wait until your Senior DI calls you a Marine for the first time.**
- 3. Wait until the first time you Qualify Expert.**
- 4. Wait until you get your Blood Stripes.**
- 5. Wait until the first time an enemy round goes by and you still do your job.**
- 6. Wait until you say Semper Fi in a firefight.**
- 7. Wait until the Commandant cries at your bedside.**
- 8. Wait until you close the eyes of one of your own.**
- 9. Wait until the President's message is read at your retirement.**
- 10. Wait until Saint Peter says "well done Marine"!**

Even then you might not have the right, if you have not really understood what it means to be a Marine!

**"Be now the shield for evermore from every peril to OUR CORPS!"
God Bless**



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